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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, this morning the Senate was jarred awake by the news of the tragic airplane accident that claimed the lives of Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, his son, Randy, and Governor Carnahan's aide, Chris Sifford.

In this difficult hour we ask You to give Your strength and peace to the Carnahan and Sifford families. Bless the citizens of Missouri. Grant Roger Wilson, who at this hour is serving as Acting Governor of Missouri, Your power and fortitude.

We begin the day conscious of the frailty and brevity of our physical life. Our time here is but a small part of the whole of eternity. May we live and work to Your glory in all that we say and do in this busy day in the life of our Senate. In Your all powerful name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE V. VOINOVICH, a Senator from the State of Ohio, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume debate on the conference report to accompany the Agriculture appropriations bill. Debate on the conference report will be limited in today's session and a short period on Wednesday morning. Therefore, those Senators with statements are encouraged to come to the floor during today's session, if possible. The vote on the Agriculture appropriations conference report is scheduled to occur at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday. However, that vote time may be changed to accommodate those Senators who will be attending the memorial service for the sailors who died on the U.S.S. *Cole*. Senators will be notified as soon as possible if that change is made.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### LOSS OF GOVERNOR MEL CARNAHAN AND OTHERS

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I appreciate the Chaplain of the Senate opening today's session in prayer for Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and for his son, Randy Carnahan, and for Chris Sifford, all of whom were tragically killed last night in a plane crash in Missouri.

Mel Carnahan and his wife Jean were good friends of mine and my wife Janet. We got to know them through the Governors' Association—a wonderful man, wonderful family man, one of the finest human beings I have ever met. From a personal point of view, my sympathy goes out to Jean, his wife, and to the rest of his family and to the citizens of Missouri. This country lost a great leader.

On behalf of the entire Senate, I express our deepest sympathies to Governor Carnahan's wife Jean and to their sons, Russ, Robin, and Tom, and to their grandchildren, Andrew and Austin. They have lost a father, husband, grandfather, son, a brother, and an uncle. This is a terrible burden to carry, and we wish them God's strength and courage in so doing.

The entire Senate joins me in expressing condolences to the citizens of Missouri who have lost the Governor

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